Medicaid & Schools



Office of Special Education and Student Services

chool Divisions can submit claims to Medicaid for reimbursement for the following services.

These services can be provided by school division employees, contracted employees, or contracted agencies.

The following services must be in the Individualized Education Program (IEP):

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Skilled Nursing Services
- Psychological Services provided by a psychologist or school social worker
- Personal Care Assistant Services (special ed aides, nursing aides)
- Audiology Services
- Medical Evaluations Services
- Transportation

The following services/administrative duties are for general education and special education students:

- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Administrative Claiming

Administrative Claiming

What is Administrative Claiming?

- Medicaid School-Based Claiming supports IDEA
 - Medicaid School-Based Claiming allows schools to obtain partial reimbursement for the cost of delivering health-related services.
 - A time study is a tool to capture the information necessary to obtain reimbursement.

Who should participate in the Administrative Claiming Time Study?

- You are qualified to participate if you perform any of the following functions:
 - Provide direct medical services to students
 - Perform certain duties or functions that are considered health-related
 - Monitor or coordinate care, make referrals or identify gaps in services for emotional, behavioral, physical or mental health issues for students
 - Provide outreach education or information to students and families about FAMIS programs.

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73% of Virginia School Divisions (96 out of 132) are currently participating.

Provider Qualifications

Physical Therapist

- Licensed (LPT) by the Va. Board of Physical Therapy, OR
- A graduate (trainee) of a P.T. program by the American Med. Assoc. & the American P.T. Assoc. & supervised by LPT, OR
- Licensed Assistant (LPTA) by the Va. Board of Physical Therapy & supervised by LPT

Occupational Therapist

- Registered initially by Nat'l. Board for Cert. in O.T. & licensed by the Va. Board of Medicine (OTR), OR
- Graduate of an O.T. program approved by the Va. Board of Medicine, under supervision or an OTR, OR
- COTA certified by Nat'l. Board for Cert. in O.T. & supervised by an OTR

Speech Language Pathologist

- SLP who has (a) CCC's from ASHA; or (b) has completed the equivalent educ. requirements & work experience; or (c) has completed the academic program & acquiring work experience; OR
- SLP licensed by the Board of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology (BOA&SLP);
 OR
- SLP licensed by Board of Educ. with an endorsement in Speech-Lang. disorders pre-K-12 & a Master's degree in SLP. These persons also have a license without examination from the BOA & SLP; OR
- Speech-Lang. Assist. (a Bachelor's level or a Master's level SLP without licensure)
 Must be under the supervision of a licensed CCC/SLP or a SLP

Note: Disclosure Requirements - the identity of the assistant (based on DMAS policy) shall be disclosed to the parent or primary caregiver

Personal Care Assistant

- Meet standards as required by the Department of Education Virginia School Health Guidelines, VDH and VDOE, 1999
- Received training for assisting with meeting the health needs of the student.
- Supervised by a Virginia-licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse (RN) or other DMAS recognized school health professional acting within the scope of his license under State law

Skilled Nursing

Virginia Board of Nursing licensed Registered Nurse (RN) **OR** Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) under the supervision of an RN.

Psychological Services

Must be contracted by the school division AND be one of the following:

- Board of Medicine licensed psychiatrist;
- Board of Psychology licensed clinical psychologists or school psychologistlimited;
- School social workers and LCSW's;
- Licensed Professional Counselors;
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; **OR**
- Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist

Audiology

Audiology services shall be rendered by an Audiologist with a current license in Audiology issued by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Medical Evaluations

Physician (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), **OR** Physician's Assistant (PA).

EPSDT Provider

Physician (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), **OR** Physician's Assistant (PA).

For more information go to http://www.doe virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/Sped/medicaid main.html or call Amy Edwards at 804-692-0150.